Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 17 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 18 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 16 Nov 2021 at 09:55 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold, wintry conditions on Wednesday being replaced by much milder conditions on Thursday and Friday. Some uncertainty over the arrival of colder weather over the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 17 Nov 2021: Very cold, windy and with wintry showers. Snow level slowly rising.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 17 Nov 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Sleet showers	Sleet	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
70%	70%	60%	60%	60%	40%	30%	80%

Forecast for Wednesday 17 Nov 2021

Weather: Frequent showers will continue to spread east across all ranges, blown in on strong to gale force winds. Showers falling as snow to 500-600m initially, but slowly rising to munro level by midday. Showers tending to fade through evening ahead of thicker cloud and periods of rain and drizzle spreading northeast.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%, falling 10% through evening.

Visibility: Showers will often bring cloud down to 500-700m so visibility will be very variable and fast changing above this level due to cloud and snowfall. Neighbouring slopes likely obscured by rain below this, but only for 15-30minutes at a time. Cloud becoming increasingly extensive above 400-500m through evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	39/47 W	40/49 W	41/51 W	41/52 W	40/50 W	36/46 W	32/41 W	34/42 SW	44/58 SW
900	36/45 W	37/46 W	38/48 W	39/50 W	38/48 W	34/44 W	30/39 W	31/40 SW	41/55 SW
600	24/33 W	26/35 W	26/36 W	26/37 W	26/37 W	23/33 W	20/29 W	19/27 SW	29/42 SW
300	8/32 W	9/33 W	10/34 W	10/36 W	10/34 W	9/31 W	7/25 W	7/24 SW	13/38 SW
Glen	15/27 W	15/30 W	15/30 W	14/28 W	15/27 W	13/25 W	9/19 SW	9/21 SW	16/32 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-12	-2/-12	-2/-11	-1/-10	-0/-9	0/-8	1/-6	3/-4	6/-1
900	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	0/-9	1/-8	1/-7	2/-5	4/-3	6/-0
600	1/-6	1/-6	2/-5	2/-4	3/-3	4/-2	4/-1	6/1	8/3
300	3/0	3/0	4/1	5/2	6/2	6/3	6/4	7/5	9/7
Glen	6/2	6/2	7/3	7/4	8/5	8/5	9/7	10/8	12/9
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	800m	900m	1000m	1100m	1300m	2000m	2300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A few centimeters of fresh snow is likely to build up through morning, especially on west facing slopes.

Forecast for Thursday 18 Nov 2021

Weather: A stark return to mild conditions as thick cloud and moist air spreads in from the Atlantic. Persistent gales and extensive low cloud will be significant hazards. Any lying snow will quickly melt as rain sets in, this heaviest through the morning. Widely sodden ground likely in the west by the end of the day. Best shelter towards the Great Glen and Ben Wyvis.

Maximum wind: West 30-40mph gusting 50-60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Virtually no chance.

Visibility: Cloud will be extensive and persistent above 200-400m along the west coast, perhaps closer to 500m across the more sheltered east. Rain will turn lower slopes hazy. Little change expected through the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 Celsius.
At 800m: Around plus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: Well above summits.

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